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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Masaaki CHIBA

Application No.: 10/538,408

Filed: October 24, 2005

For: DAMPING DEVICE

Confirmation No.: 3607

Group Art Unit: 3683

Examiner: Mariano Ong SY

Attorney Docket No.: 026390-00030

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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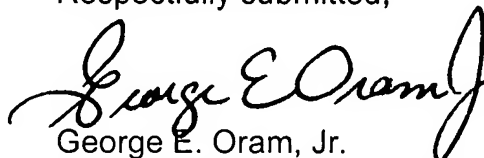
Sir:

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement dated October 18, 2007, the Applicant hereby elects Species A, Figures 1 and 4, directed to Claims 3 – 9, 17 and 18, in which the damping device is a direct action type. This election is made without traverse. Claims 1 and 2 are generic. Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

In view of the Applicant's above election, Applicant respectfully submits that the Restriction Requirement has been satisfied. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests examination of elected Species A, Figures 1 and 4, Claims 1 – 9, 17 and 18 on the merits.

Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment with respect to this paper to Deposit Account Number 01-2300, referencing Attorney Docket Number 026390-00030.

Respectfully submitted,



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